Magic Clubs

I spent Tuesday evening at one of the local magic clubs. We had a good time. It was more like a bunch of guys getting together for a session.

No question, though, the group is aging and there is no new blood. This particular club is devoid of the politics that infect so many groups and we still have a total inability to attract the younger crowd. As I understand it, weâ $^{\text{TM}}$ re not alone.

Has the Internet totally destroyed the need for clubs. Personally, thereâ $\in^{\mathbb{T}}$ s nothing like personal interaction, but I seem to be in an increasingly small group that feels this way. Yeah, I know that magic clubs have historically been populated with a large percentage of jack asses, but they thrived regardless of that. Whatâ $\in^{\mathbb{T}}$ s the difference?

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The Old Stuff

Iâ \in [™] ve often said that the value of a book, prop or DVD can only be determined after some substantial period of time has passed. You only have to look at the furor surrounding the release (and pre-release) of tricks like The Black Widow or Electric Touch and compare it to the number for sale at very cheap prices now to realize that very few *miracles* have lasting power.

When was the last time you added something new to your working repertoire?

I' m becoming increasingly convinced that Prohibition is one new item that will make it. It may even, someday, wear the classic moniker. I strongly recommend it to you. It's an *impromptu cap in bottle* trick. *Impromptu* is not really the right word here, as it does require preparation and a gimmick, but it is well worth it.

 $I\hat{a}$ €™m guessing that this one will be a long term keeper.

